

IS IT A LITTLE GAME?

Jay Gould Secures for One of His Men an Appointment

IN THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

Another Good Democrat is Turned Down to Give the Western Union Representative the Place as House Telegrapher—Many Ways in Which the Appointment Could Be Made of Great Value to Gould in Certain Contingencies Which Might Arise.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Herald (Dem.) has the following from Washington: What is the purpose of Jay Gould's monopoly in securing for one of his confidential employees the post of telegraph operator at the Capitol?

There are two telegraphic positions at the capitol—one on the senate and the other on the house side. The former is controlled by the secretary of the senate. The latter is a part of the patronage of the clerk of the house. The Western Union Company has heretofore had no control of either of these operators.

William Kelser has been the house telegraph operator for four years. He was appointed as a Democrat, by a Democratic clerk, and notwithstanding his political affiliations, was retained by the last Republican Congress. It was reasonable to expect under these circumstances that he would continue to serve when the Democrats regained their control of the house. On the contrary he was dismissed last week, and E. J. McCrystal was appointed in his stead.

So far as appearances go Mr. Kelser proved a satisfactory official. He was an excellent telegrapher, one of the best in the business. He was genial and accommodating and popular with the representatives.

What the public is interested in, however, is not that he was dismissed, but why the clerk should have appointed as his successor a man who directly represents Western Union influence.

WORKING FOR MCCRYSTAL.

Several months ago Mr. Marean, the manager of the Western Union telegraph office here, began working up a sentiment in Mr. McCrystal's behalf. His efforts in this direction were supplemented by two, if not three, of his subordinates whose positions are such as to give them a wide acquaintance among public men.

A petition reciting Mr. McCrystal's qualifications was industriously circulated, and every one who was supposed to possess political influence was asked to sign it.

Mr. Kelser made a strong effort to retain the place, and he also presented a strong petition to Clark Kerr which bore two scores or more of good names. But Kelser was dropped and the Western Union man secured the office.

Perhaps a revolution of inquiry will be offered in the house asking why the Western Union was so solicitous in securing Mr. McCrystal's appointment and why the clerk of the house should have selected one of Jay Gould's employees when he might have found hundreds of equally good operators who owe no fealty to the "Little Wizard of Wall street."

The position of house telegrapher is a unique one in its way. The office is connected with the executive departments and the presidential mansion, and all private and public telegrams between the house of representatives, the cabinet officers and the White House pass through his hands.

Under the three Democratic Congresses which preceded the late Congress, the house telegrapher had the privilege of the floor. It is fair to assume that that privilege will be again extended by the present Democratic Congress.

A GOOD THING FOR WESTERN UNION.

The advantage it will be to the Western Union to have one of their representatives filling this place is very clear. It is an advantage that might, if properly "worked," be of incalculable benefit to them, as it might be to any other corporation when legislation affecting its interests is pending.

Still greater is the advantage when it is remembered that Postmaster General Wanamaker has renewed his recommendation for a postal telegraph.

This scheme is the *beta noir* of the Western Union Telegraph Company. If adopted by Congress it means, if not virtual destruction to its interests, at least a general lowering of rates all along the line. The defeat of the scheme means a perpetuation and the continued payment of enormous dividends on watered stock.

All of Mr. Wanamaker's confidential telegrams to the chairman of the post-office committee and members of the house will pass through the hands of the house operator.

If he is an unscrupulous man—if, in short, he owes his place to Western Union influence and he desires to reciprocate their kindness to him—there will be nothing to prevent him from acquainting the Western Union officials with the contents of these or any other telegrams.

I do not mean to say that Mr. McCrystal would do this. He is a young man of excellent character, with a good professional and social standing. It is presumed if he accepts the position that he will respect the confidences reposed in him. But he is, to say the least, unfortunate in the character of his in-dorsers.

Mr. McCrystal has been for several years Mr. Marean's private secretary, and the position of house telegrapher cannot be more remunerative than that which he has held in the Western Union office, as it pays only \$100 a month. If it were worth five times this sum it would hardly repay the frantic efforts which Manager Marean and others connected with the office have put forth to secure the place.

Perhaps, as I have suggested, nothing short of an investigation by a committee of the house will develop its true inwardness, and there is talk of such investigation.

Pottery Destroyed.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—At 3 o'clock this morning fire broke out in Cook & Hancock's crescent pottery and owing to the difficulty of getting water to the scene, three out of the four of the company's large buildings, together with their entire contents of finished and unfinished ware, were destroyed. The loss will reach \$100,000, pretty fully covered by insurance.

A Female Guts out of the Way.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ada Thorpe Loftis, who, according to the statement of Rudolph V. Martinson, came to this country for the purpose of removing President Harrison, was sent to the Bloomingdale asylum this morning from

Bellevue hospital, having been pronounced insane yesterday. She arrived on the Britannic last Sunday and put up at the Fifth Avenue hotel.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

A Vessel With Its Crew of Twenty Blown Up by Dynamite.

ANTWERP, Dec. 23.—The city was startled this morning by a tremendous explosion that fairly shook the earth. No one at first knew what had occurred and many believed an earthquake had visited the city. The roar and shock were terrific and many a face blanched with terror at the thought that perhaps the next moment the houses would tumble into the streets. In a short time it was learned, however, that the shocks were due to an explosion of dynamite. A French lugger named The Pilot, a part of whose cargo was dynamite, was discharging it into a lighter. Suddenly there was a roar and the lugger was blown to atoms.

The upper part of the lighter was shattered into a thousand fragments and the wrecked hull immediately sank. Twenty men who were employed on the vessels in handling and stowing the dangerous material were either instantly killed or blown into the water, where they drowned. It is surmised in some quarters that a package of the explosive fell to the lighter and the concussion caused it to explode.

The first report concerning the explosion of dynamite on board the French lugger Pilot at this port this morning was somewhat distorted, owing to the great excitement which prevailed, and the loss of life too was exaggerated. It has now been ascertained that only two lives were lost.

THE CONFESSION.

Of a Maudsone Young Lady Organist at a Testimonial Meeting.

ALLIANCE, O., Dec. 23.—The quiet little Quaker village of Beloit, five miles east of this city, is in an uproar of excitement over the result of yesterday's testimonial meeting at the Friends' Church of that place. For some weeks past the people of that denomination have been holding revival meetings under the leadership of Noah A. McClain, a colored minister of some fame as a pulpit orator. Having great faith in the power of music the successful exhorter brought with him to Beloit a young lady. She served as organist, and was beautiful and accomplished, and aided the good cause. Among those who attended the services was a young man named Saunders. He soon became infatuated with the handsome organist and began paying her attentions.

Last Friday the young lady went to Salem, and by accident or prearrangement, Saunders was a passenger on the same train. What transpired while at Salem was evidently of such a nature as to bring regret to the fair damsel, for during testimonial service yesterday she seemed visibly affected, and finally, being moved by the spirit, arose and stated, between sobs and tears, that she had a confession to make. She had just got far enough to exclaim: "I have been lost astray," when her feelings overcame her repentant desire to confess, and she sank helpless into a seat. The congregation seemed thunderstruck by the confession for a moment, and then all eyes were turned on Saunders, who occupied a rear pew. The young man looked extremely uncomfortable, but finally, being moved by the spirit, also arose and said: "I want it distinctly understood that the young lady has got nothing to apologize for whatever." He then sat down, and all was again still save the murmurings of an old lady, who was heard to remark: "Well, I'll bet she has." The services were then brought to a close. The affair has aroused great excitement, and the next confession is looked forward to with much interest.

Warmcastle Removed.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—The President to-day issued an order for the removal of Samuel D. Warmcastle, collector of internal revenue for the Twenty-third district of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, and designating Deputy Collector Mitchell to perform the duties of collector until the vacancy shall have been filled. Warmcastle was charged with neglect of duty. The office will not be filled until the reassembling of Congress.

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BELLAIRE.

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Charlie Rosser, the street paving contractor, who has been at work all season at Moundsville, Zanesville, Uhrichville and other places, came home for the winter yesterday and will put in what time he can on the pikes in this vicinity.

A broken axle caused quite a freight wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio at Franklin, west of this city, yesterday morning. A half dozen cars were demolished and the road blocked for several hours.

The City Council did not hold a meeting this week. Since the funds in the exchequer are very low the members seem to think the easiest way to avoid expenditures is to not get together.

Misses Bessie Hoge and Jessie Jackley, who are engaged in the Deaconess's Home missionary work at Cincinnati, are here to spend the holidays, as is also Miss Anna Hoge, of Cincinnati.

The Bellaire Stamping Company has been sued by the Buckeye Glass company, of Martin's Ferry, for \$8,000 for breach of contract in furnishing trimmings for lamps.

Miss Flora Nichols, sister of State Senator Nichols, is to be married next Wednesday at her home near Morristown, to C. H. Willis, of that neighborhood.

Superintendent B. I. Jones, president of the local Board of School Examiners, will attend a state convention of school examiners at Columbus next week.

A "Mother Goose" cantata will be given at the First Presbyterian church this evening. The Christmas treat will follow.

The Bellaire Stove Foundry Company talks of enlarging the company and the capacity of the works.

The South Bellaire M. E. church Christmas entertainment will be held this evening.

All the industries of Bellaire will close down to-night for the balance of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Romick are at Cleveland attending a wedding.

TILTONVILLE ITEMS.

TILTONVILLE, O., Dec. 23.—The Western Sanitary pottery will be put in operation January 1, and will employ about thirty-five men.

Burglars tried to effect an entrance into the residence of Mrs. Mollie Akens, a widow living just opposite the pottery, but were frightened off by her firing her revolver three times through the door, and nothing has been heard of them since.

The citizens of this place, Yorkville, Portland and Warrenton have a project on foot to secure the extension of the Wheeling electrical railway to the latter named point from Martin's Ferry. Some time ago the stockholders of the railway company made a proposition to some of the land holders that if they would donate a twenty-foot right of way they would build up this way. A committee was put to work to secure this, but failed, most of the land owners only being willing to give twelve feet. Now that new material has been put in the field, it can almost be assured that before many months elapse work will commence on the extension. If this is done this territory will be developed wonderfully within the next few years. Capitalists are looking out more for sites now than ever before. William Medill, one of the largest land owners, is receiving communications daily from eastern money men wanting locations here to erect manufacturing establishments. George K. Wheat, of Wheeling, is looking after the Crawford coal land, and it is anticipated that a deal will be consummated before long.

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